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In re application of

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For: ARCHITECTURE TO ENABLE SEARCH GATEWAYS AS PART OF FEDERATED SEARCH

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows. An enclosed Appendix includes a version with markings to show changes made.

IN THE CLAIMS:

**This set of claims is a clean set of pending claims 1-21, consolidating any previous versions of pending claims into this single clean version, with changes made in this response being shown in the Appendix.**

1. (Amended) A method of searching for data in heterogeneous data sources with a computer system, the method comprising the steps of:
- receiving a request for data at a federated data source; and
  - from the federated data source, retrieving data from:
    - one or more terminal data repositories, and
    - one or more search gateway data sources.

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